

OUR COUNTY FUNDS.

From some statements made in the COURIER we infer that the county is to lose the interest on the daily balances for the next two years, because of a fiasco in attempting to let it on sealed bids, but this does not follow. The law provides a way for the court to get around a failure to receive bids for the funds, from any cause, and the court will be derelict in its duty if it fails to follow the law. We can readily see, as the law-makers foresaw, how a combine among those qualified to bid could be made, so that no bids would be made, or all bids made at the same price, in order to stifle competition, and for this reason the law gives the court the right to reject any and all, which means that they can advertise for more bids, and if again thwarted, go to bankers or individuals and make private arrangement for interest on daily balances. No court should allow itself to be overreached, or intimidated, by any kind of combines, secret or open, and if any attempt has been made in that direction, as intimated by our contemporary, we hope the court will free itself of all suspicion of giving encouragement to that kind of practice, by calling for new bids, or letting the county funds on private contract, as provided by law.—Salisbury Democrat.

MISPLACED DEFACTION.

Why the New York Times should ever, at any time, be classed as a Democratic paper, it would be difficult to learn. It is true that other papers in New York, calling themselves Democratic, have openly several times bolted Democratic nominations. But the Times never professed to be a Democratic organ. On the contrary, that paper, during its entire existence, has been the foe of the Democratic party. Its beginning, 1851, was as a Whig organ, and it continued of that political stripe as long as the Whig party lasted. Then it helped to form the Republican party, and for a long period of years afterward it was distinctly an organ of that party. It enjoyed the infamy of leading the rape of the presidency, following the election of 1876, which robbery took the office of president from Samuel J. Tilden and gave it to R. B. Hayes. Tilden had been elected to that office, and that verdict of history will stand forever. The New York Times had the infamous distinction of heading the conspiracy to defraud the voters of this country out of their choice.

The Times for the third time fought the candidacy of Bryan at the polls last year for president. It sanctioned the threat near the close of the campaign that if Bryan should be elected the wages of labor would be reduced. It lately had the cheek to attribute to Bryan the weakness of the Democratic party in the present contest over the tariff, as if it had at heart the interest of the Democratic party, the party which the Times has always fought. The Times has always been a servant of plutocracy. It never sympathized with the common masses. Between such papers as the New York Times and the Democratic people of the United States there is

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Benton Re-instated

It affords the COURIER much pleasure to reproduce from the Brunswick of last week the fact that H. O. Benton, the veteran station agent for the Wash at that place, took up his work at the station again last Friday, after a vacation of several weeks. His many friends are glad to see him in the harness again. T. B. Riley, who has been taking Mr. Benton's place during the lay-off, left Friday afternoon for his home at Miami, where he resumes his work as agent at that place.

No Gold in Macon County.

H. A. Buehler of Rolla, state geologist, submitted to Governor Hadley recently a report on the alleged gold mines in Macon county. For about two years, says the Macon Times-Democrat, there has been disturbance in the neighborhood of New Cambria about a great find of gold. A company was formed that was said to be preparing to mine and mill the gold.

Buehler, in his report, says he went with R. S. Thomas to New Cambria and visited the mines. The shaft of No. 1 was originally sunk for coal 30 years ago. Samples were secured of the ore and five samples were analyzed. The report says none of them contained either gold or silver. Small quantities of gold have been found by panning sands in some of the creeks in Macon county, but this, the geologist says, is not uncommon where there is glacial deposit. The "Lost Louisiana mine" in Arkansas, the Roosevelt Record mines in the Wichita mountains in Oklahoma, and the shale gold mining which was to have been done in Trego county, Kas., are similar gold flurries. As none of these mines were successful, and as he did not find gold in the samples at New Cambria, the state geologist reaches a conclusion hostile to the Macon county "gold fields."

A Valuable Machine.

While visiting the Brunswick Tobacco Co.'s big factory one day last week the Brunswick man, says the Brunswick, was shown quite an extraordinary piece of machinery. The machine is known among tobacco men as a tobacco-setter. It is built something on the order of an ordinary corn-planter, except that it plants only one row at a time. A barrel of water rests on the machine, with a pipe running to the ground. A "shoe" opens a small furrow, and at regular intervals a small quantity of water is ejected from the barrel into the furrow. Two boys, who work alternately from either side of the machine, place the plants in the furrow at the same instant the water is turned on. Then a covering apparatus just behind the "shoe" throws the loose dirt in around the plant. Thus the plant is set quickly, properly, scientifically, in a manner which will insure a rapid growth and full development. It is well worth the while of any man interested in tobacco-growing to see this machine.

L. S. Bumgarner, a successful farmer and stock-breeder of near Salisbury, sold to his neighbor, Alex Gooch, a half Percheron mare one day last week for \$245. It always pays to raise good stock, and that's the kind Mr. Bumgarner evidently has on his premises.

"Son" Lee had a good opportunity to join the "Down and Out club" last Monday evening, observes the Sumner Star. Shortly after dark he went into Stant Robinson's barn to make the horses comfortable for the night, when an old mare blazed away and kicked him twice, once in the stomach and on the arm. Aside from a few slight bruises, "Son" is not much worse off from the experience.

Try This.

Always using boiling water for cooking potatoes.

Putting a pinch of baking soda in peas, tomatoes and lima beans when cooking them.

Mixing the white of an egg to every four tablespoons of dry coffee before the water is added.

Cutting hot brown bread with a string.

Pouring hot water over tomatoes when they are to be peeled.

Doing your hair in a new way and putting on a fresh, pretty waist when the blues attack you and nothing seems worth while.

Keeping a scissors and a cushion containing needles and twine for sewing up roasts above the kitchen work table.

A good, hearty laugh the next time anything goes wrong.

Going to bed occasionally at 7 o'clock in the evening and taking 10 to 12 hours sleep.

Hanging fresh pennyroyal in the bedroom to drive away mosquitoes.

Wearing a pair of cotton gloves when doing sweeping and the rougher part of the housework.

Filling up the wall space around your kitchen table with utensils most used, so as to minimize the number of steps taken while doing the kitchen work.

A South Missouri editor puts it thus: "Anyone owing this paper is requested to call and pay at once. Anyone not owing this paper is requested to call and subscribe and begin owing us at once. Anyone that we are owing is requested to subscribe for this paper in advance to the full amount of the debt and pay us another year in advance cash. Anyone who is not owing us and will not do so is requested to move to North Dakota and make room here for some one who will. Anyone who owes us \$2 or more is requested to watch closely what is going to happen in the next few weeks."

Summary of Work Accomplished by Missouri Dairy and Food Commission for Month of April.

Missouri is entering upon her third year of pure food work. During the initiatory two years, under the state pure food law, which is a copy of the federal law, many adulterated and impure foods have been eliminated from the market and the general trend of the consumer has been toward demanding better food and to acquaint himself with the law as a means of obtaining better foods.

The undersigned was appointed state dairy and food commissioner February 20, last, by Gov. Hadley. A. H. Douglas of Columbia was appointed deputy commissioner and the following four inspectors were appointed: Dr. H. B. Allen, Tarkio; Dr. Wilbur Smith, Springfield; E. H. Ham, Montgomery City, and Adolph Meyer, St. Louis. Each inspector is given a certain section of the state to cover. The analytical work will be done by the deputy commissioner under the supervision of the experiment station chemist.

The work of the inspectors is mapped out by the commissioner and each town or city in the state is taken up in systematic order, and a thorough inspection made of all places where food is manufactured or sold.

The following is a summary of the work: A total of 467 inspections has been made. In detail as follows: Drug stores, 27; meat shops, 59; confectionery stores, 10; groceries, 240; bakeries, 22; dairies, 31; creameries, 1; hotels and restaurants, 63; wholesale and jobbing houses, 12; mills (flour and feed) 2.

The territory already inspected and in which inspection is now being carried on, includes the

A Most Valuable Agent.

The glycerine employed in Dr. Pierce's medicines greatly enhances the medicinal properties which it extracts from native medicinal roots and holds in solution much better than alcohol would. It also possesses medicinal properties of its own, being a valuable demulcent, nutritive, antiseptic and antiferment. It adds greatly to the efficacy of the Black Cherry bark, Bloodroot, Golden Seal root, Stone root and Queen's root, contained in "Golden Medical Discovery" in subduing chronic, or lingering coughs, bronchial, throat and lung affections, for all of which these agents are recommended by standard medical authorities.

In all cases where there is a wasting away of flesh, loss of appetite, with weak stomach, as in the early stages of consumption, there can be no doubt that glycerine acts as a valuable nutritive and aids the Golden Seal root, Stone root, Queen's root and Black Cherry bark in promoting digestion and building up the flesh and strength, controlling the cough and bringing about a healthy condition of the whole system. Of course, it must not be expected to work miracles. It will not cure consumption except in its earlier stages. It will cure very severe, obstinate, hang-on, chronic coughs, bronchial and laryngeal troubles, and chronic sore throat with hoarseness. In acute coughs it is not so effective. It is in the lingering hang-on coughs, or those of long standing, even when accompanied by bleeding from lungs, that it has performed its most marvelous cures.

Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Med. College, Chicago, says of glycerine: "In dyspepsia it serves an excellent purpose. Holding a fixed quantity of the peroxide of hydrogen in solution, it is one of the best manufactured products of the present time in its action upon enfeebled, disordered stomachs, especially if there is ulceration or catarrhal gastritis (catarrhal inflammation of stomach). It is a most efficient preparation. Glycerine will relieve many cases of pyrosis (heartburn) and excessive gastric (stomach) acidity. "Golden Medical Discovery" enriches and purifies the blood curing blotches, pimples, eruptions, scrofulous swellings and old sores, or ulcers. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet telling all about the native medicinal roots composing this wonderful medicine. There is no alcohol in it."

cities of St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Hannibal, Jefferson City and Columbia.

A system of scoring stores and markets has been devised and put in operation. This takes into account the cleanliness and general appearance of the store and the condition of the dealer and the food sold by him. Fifty places have been so scored, including grocery stores, meat markets, bakeries, drug stores, dairies, hotels and restaurants.

One hundred and sixty-nine samples of food have been taken, a large part of which are milk samples. Short weight inspection is now being carried on by the department and over 100 samples of flour have been weighed, a report of which will be given later.

It is the intention of this office to see that the pure food law is enforced strictly and without fear or favor, and the co-operation of every food interest is sought to this end.

W. P. CUTLER,
Commissioner.
Columbia, Mo., May 8, 1909.

Born, to the wife of F. Bion McCurry, on Saturday night, May 8, a pretty baby girl. If all the Republicans were as fond of girls as Bion, the Democrats would some day come into power again. That was Sampson's weakness.—Salisbury Democrat.

Sunlight will penetrate very clear water 1,500.

An Odd-Timer.

In speaking of the celebration of the 94th birthday of Daniel Gooch at his home, near Salisbury, Monday May 3, the Salisbury Press-Spectator says, among other things:

"In the first line of children there were present nine, of grandchildren 23, of great-grandchildren nine and of other guests the number reached more than 50. Though "Uncle" Daniel is growing feeble he was able to walk out to dinner with his guests and friends and spent a most pleasant day.

He has spent more than twice the age of the average man in Chariton county, having come here in 1828 from Kentucky where he was born. He is the only one remaining of 12 children, a majority of whom passed the half century mark. One sister, Mrs. Oruel Clark of Oregon, passed the 99th year and lacked only a few months of reaching the century goal.

His youngest sister, Mrs. Mildred Schooler passed her 82nd birthday ere she" too, was called home. The last of that pioneer family stands alone, yet surrounded with plenty, the result of his labor, and numberless friends who wish him many more happy birthday greetings.

The heart of a vegetarian beats on an average of 58 times a minute; that of a meat eater, 75 times.

A REAL MISSOURI POET.

The following gems are from the trenchant pen of Lee Shippey of the Kansas City Star, who was the COURIER man's room-mate at the recent meeting of the Missouri Press association held in Fulton:

THE OPTOMIST.

The optimist stands out alone as one of judgment true,
He gets a lot more out of life than other people do,
He has a lot more self-respect, he has a lot more friends,
And lots more worth-while sympathy when Fate its hard knocks sends.

He has well-wishers everywhere if he achieves success
And if he gamely fails he finds he's loved the more, not less.

These things alone make life worth while, though all things else go wrong,

These put the light in every smile, the soul in every song,
And without these all things that be are valueless and cold,
Not sweet the fruits of victory, not good the gifts of gold,

Not worth the struggle is the goal and profitless the gain,
Yet these are guerdon to the soul for all it gave in vain!

THAT'S MISSOURI.

Where the sun's a little brighter and the skies are more serene,

Where the bloom's a little sweeter and the grass a bit more green,

Where Nature isn't just a loving mother but a queen

And a queen of perfect beauty—That's Missouri.

Where kindness is proverbial and honesty's the same,

Where hearty hospitality has won a well-earned fame,

Where "right down meanness" isn't ever known, except by name

And friends are friends to count on—That's Missouri.

Where big hearts, true and tender and yet staunch and strong, abound,

Where God so gives His blessings that the proofs of them are found

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